



## Lesson Seven

### One Big If

[30] *As he spake these words, many believed on him.*

[31] *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

[32] *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* **John 8:30-32**

Let's look at these verses in John, Chapter eight.

Verse 30: Many **BELIEVED** on Him—that **MAKES** them believers. No one can **HONESTLY** say they were not believers. If they were not believers, the Holy Spirit would have **NEVER RECORDED** such a statement through the Apostle John.

Verse 31: He is speaking to those whom He **KNEW** had become believers. What does Jesus say? “**IF** ye continue in my word, **THEN** are ye my disciples **INDEED**.”

Verse 32: “And ye **SHALL** know the truth, and the truth **SHALL** make you free.”

The condition **TO BE** met if these new believers were to remain as true disciples and have freedom from sin was: “**CONTINUE IN MY WORD**.”

[34] *Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.*

[35] *And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.*

**John 8:34-35**

Verse 34: Whoever sins becomes the **SERVANT** of sin.

Verse 35: The servant (of sin) **WILL NOT** abide in the house forever. What house? The **FATHER'S** house (John 14:2)

No man can sin and **NOT BE A SERVANT** of sin! No man can sin and **NOT HAVE** to pay the penalty for sin!

It has been stated that fully one-half of Americans have been born-again, or become believers. IF this is **EVEN CLOSE** to being true, then why is our nation a nation of **VIOLENCE** and criminal acts.

Why does the U.S.A. have one of the world's most severe alcohol and drunkenness problems? Why do we have the worst drug problem? Why do we have almost 40 million babies murdered through abortion? We are the nation who not only has a great pornography problem, we **EXPORT** pornography to much of the rest of the world.

The author stepped off of his plane one day in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. When he went into the terminal building he saw racks of pornography, all of them

American magazines.

Why do we in the U.S.A. have the greatest divorce problem in the world? Remember, this is the nation which has reported a 50% born-again population.

What has gone wrong? What is wrong? I believe a great contributor to these problems is the Once Saved Always Saved teaching. The destructive influence of this teaching has **CONVINCED** multitudes of people they can commit sin **OF ALL KINDS**, and yet they **CAN NEVER BE LOST**.

It is not **UNUSUAL** to talk to people who are living in gross and perverted sin and have them tell you they are a Christian, and that they are fully persuaded they will go to Heaven for all eternity, **even** if they die without repenting of these sins. They will **BOLDLY TELL** you that God's grace, and Christ's blood is **GREATER THAN ANY SIN**.

However, God's grace, and Christ's blood **DOES NOT** cover **unrepented** sins. Christ **DID NOT** die to make us **FREE TO SIN**, but to make us **FREE FROM SIN**.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* **1 John 1:9**

There are those teachers, some very **WELL-KNOWN**, that have even told us, "To try to live good **FRUSTRATES** the grace of God in our lives." Can you imagine a parent telling their child, "Now please don't try to be good because it frustrates me.?"

Please! Get this one thing right. There are **NOT** Christian murderers, Christian adulterers, Christian bank robbers, Christian drunkards, Christian drug addicts, and even Christian pedophiles.

No doubt there will be people in the **GREAT SEVEN YEAR** tribulation period who will **TAKE THE MARK** of the beast, claiming the grace of God, and the blood of Christ is **FAR MORE POWERFUL** than any mark from the anti-Christ. They will believe, Once Saved Always Saved. But let us look at the Word of God.

*[16] And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

*[17] And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

*[18] Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.* **Revelation 13:16-18**

*[9] And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*

*[10] The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be **tormented** with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

*[11] And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up **for ever and ever**: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.* **Revelation 14:9-11**

It may sound **CONFIDENT**, and seem that we have a great faith in God to make statements about the **GRACE** of God, and the **BLOOD** of Christ, however, these statements are made because of **IGNORANCE**.

[13] Therefore **MY** people are gone into **CAPTIVITY**, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

[14] Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

[15] And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

[16] But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

**Isaiah 5:13-16**

My people are **DESTROYED** for lack of knowledge: because thou hast **REJECTED** knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. **Hosea 4:6**